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Detailed Action

This office action is a response to applicant's communication submitted June 22, 2009 wherein claims 7-13, 18, and 26 are amended, claim 28 is cancelled, and new claim 41 is introduced, and the specification is additionally amended. This application is a national stage application of PCT/JP03/10551, filed August 21, 2003, which claims priority to foreign applications JP2002-244381, filed August 23, 2002, and JP2002-324076, filed November 7, 2002.

Claims 1-15, 18-27, 29-31, 40, and 41 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-15, 18-27, 29-31, 40, and 41 as amended are examined on the merits herein.

Amendment after notice of allowance

Applicant's amendment under 37 CFR 1.132, submitted June 22, 2009, after the notice of allowance submitted April 17, 2009, has been fully considered and entered into the record. This amendment is not seen to introduce any new issues for search and consideration, as it merely amends the grammar of several claims, rewriting the form of the claims without altering their scope. The new claim 41 is drawn to a single compound which is already explicitly recited in the listing of compounds of claim 18, and therefore creates no new issues of enablement, written description, anticipation, or obviousness.

Additionally the amendment to the specification merely corrects the priority data without introducing any new matter into the disclosure.

As the scope of the claimed subject matter is identical to the previously allowed subject matter, it is seen to be allowable for all of the same reasons listed in the notice of allowance submitted April 17, 2009.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric S. Olson whose telephone number is 571-272-9051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on (571)272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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